

**CITY OF DEXTER  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:01pm via Zoom Meetings.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present:

Becky Murillo – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan  
Toni Henkemeyer – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan  
Jamie Griffin – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan  
Anne Marques – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan  
Ron Miller – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan  
Joanne Wagner – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan  
Jake Young – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan

Commissioners Absent: None

Student Representatives Present:

Natalie Walton – Present remotely in the Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Williamson – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan

Student Representatives Absent: Hauser

Others Present: Justin Breyer, Interim City Clerk and City Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Isabella Malek, Student Representative to City Council

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Miller; Seconded by Henkemeyer to approve the minutes from February 23, 2021 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Adopted

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Murillo; Seconded by Griffin to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Adopted

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

**A. CHAIR**

Becky Murillo reported that HWPI would be meeting on Thursday.

## **B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO**

Tree Board – None

City Council – None

Art Selection Committee – Toni Henkemeyer reported that Art Selection Committee selected 4 sculptures for various areas in the City. She indicated that the Committee had some good art to select from. The new installations would take place in June.

Student Representatives – None

## **C. STAFF REPORT**

Justin Breyer submitted his report per the packet, and provided an update of the following items:

- Met with the gentleman from the Bluebird Society about the installation of bird houses. He indicated that he did not find a spot that would work for him.
- There will be a burn of the Mill Creek Park rain gardens.
- The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is looking to adopt a State of Emergency resolution, which would allow for the continuation of virtual meetings.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. DISCUSSION OF: ARBOR DAY AND STREET TREES**

Michelle Aniol introduced the Parks and Recreation Commission to the City's street tree program and Arbor Day activities. Discussion followed, including:

- Distribution of tree seedlings
- The City will be looking for volunteers to assist with preparation and distribution of the seedlings
- Distribution locations
- Arbor Day proclamation
- Bid process for street tree installation
- Tree fund and general fund trees department

### **B. DISCUSSION OF: MILL CREEK PARK BEAVERS**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following regarding Mill Creek Park beavers:

- Offer of beaver trapping
- Beaver diversion mechanisms
- Mechanisms to discourage beaver activity
- Potential damage to Mill Creek Park
- Relationship of the trail to the beavers

### **C. DISCUSSION OF: EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Easter Eggstravaganza:

- Timing of the event
- Types and quantities of giveaways for completing the hunt or a portion of the hunt
- Clues and word scramble form

### **D. DISCUSSION OF: ALL COMMITTEES MEETING**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the All Committees meeting:

- Presenting projects, such as the Easter egg hunt, and the Mill Creek Park slope work
- Mill Creek Park playground

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **PARKS MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

- Peeling of plastic on Community Park climber
- Graffiti inside of portable toilet in Mill Creek Park
- There is an owl living in the trees of Peace Park

### **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None

### **PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Playground
- Beavers

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Murillo, Seconded by Henkemeyer adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer  
Interim City Manager and City Clerk